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Panther Sports News

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CHARLESTON, IL--Eastern Illinois University's soccer team won the Governor's Cup Tournament over the weekend, but coach Cizo Mosnia's booters will have little time to relish the victory before stepping back into action.

Thursday (Oct. 10) Eastern, 6-2-1, hosts always powerful Houston Baptist in a 3 p.m. match at Lakeside Field. Houston Baptist is currently ranked second in the Intercollegiate Soccer Association of America poll.

On Saturday (Oct. 12) Eastern wades back into Mid-Continent action against Cleveland State. The Panthers are currently 2-0 in league play.

Seven times since the Governor's Cup Tournament originated in 1972 Eastern has won the prestigious crown and last won in 1983.

The Panthers knocked off defending champion Northern Illinois University, 3-0 and beat Western Illinois, 2-1, in the championship game.

Sophomore forward Ossie Molinari (London, Canada) scored both goals in the title game.

"I'm extremely happy for our young men," Mosnia said. "It was a big win for us and it should provide us with incentive to play each and every game from here on out like we played in the tournament."

Eastern is very much alive for a post-season bid for the NCAA tournament, and Mosnia has this goal in mind.

"I feel our players came into their own during this tournament. There were a number of players who took charge and got the other members of the team fired up."